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**An Organization that Cultivates  
Muscle**

**OFFERING WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT**

**Review of the Origin and Rise of the Or-  
ganization—Founders and Officers—  
Races—Field Day.**

The entertainment of a "Field Day,"  
to be given by the Los Angeles Athletic

Club best Thanksgiving day, brings this organization again into prominent notice. It is therefore not inappropriate that the history and status of the organization should be narrated at this time, that it may be called to the attention of those who might do it good, and themselves, in turn, receive substantial benefit. The Los Angeles Athletic Club is, in fact, one of the leading organizations of its kind on the coast, taking form in the Olympic Club of San Francisco. The members are good morally and physically, including a better and more vigorous life while furnishing an amusement free from vul-

It ought, therefore, to remain, as it has hitherto done, the moral support of the best elements in the community.

The club was organized September 5, 1899; preliminary meetings leading to its start having been held at intervals of two or three days for the purpose of forming a nucleus of members. The first meeting, at the residence of Mr. G. A. Gibson, on Main street, on September 17, 1899, the charter list was closed with fifty-three members on the roll, and the first business transacting the course of the best young men of the city.

The election for officers was held the same evening, and resulted in the election of Mr. E. Lockwood, president; F. A. Gibson, Vice-President; J. P. Spencer, Secretary; H. L. Mearns, Treas-

The first quarters of the club were in Academy Street, on the corner of Los Angeles and Arnold streets, and consisted of simply of one large bare hall, with no comforts or conveniences, except the few tables in the kitchen where the club operators put in by the clock. Here for several months the club met, and the members went each week with regular practice, and most of the time with a good deal of success. The quarters were somewhat depressing, rough, and full of fox, frois and hard work. However, the out-of-the-way location and discomfort of the place had the effect of making the members more determined to make many months rolled by before they could

and a gradual dropping off in attendance, and resignation from membership, until finally only a few members remained on the roll and about half in the treasury. Speedy dissolution seemed to be the only outcome.

But the spirits of those who were left were not shaken, and it was resolved to seek new quarters in some more central location, and so matter what the expense might be. The new hall was a small saloon was appointed, consisting of A. J. Proust, Thomas Strohm and A. N. Lawrence, who were thoroughly in accord with the spirit of the members, and after having interviewed several persons, citizens about building a hall for them [some of whom could pay many money in it

stances of the club, they finally laid their case before Governor J. O. Downey. The Governor assigned the committee of inquiry to investigate the allegations and of his report to have a full and complete examination to pull through somehow, and unharmed fully and unreservedly into the hands of the men. We met a builder around the next day, with instructions to build a new one of his block with a hall as the committee desired for a gymnasium and to make such alterations as the committee should suggest. He told us that Mr. J. P. Fleck, the contractor, carried out the plans most successfully.

On the evening of January 18, 1902, the first congregation of the London Athletic Club in the new quarters was held. Ger-

Since that time to date two rooms have been added, and other improvements made, and the club is now ready to complete and well arranged rooms as can be found in the State (San Francisco accepted).

In February, 1901, John Tinger was elected Secretary, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. F. Spence. This death (the first among the club members) was deeply felt, and the members have been re-elected Secretary on unanimously ever since. He is a faithful, correct and careful officer, and his real has kept up

In May, 1901, E. A. Brown was elected President, and, as Mr. Fryer's case, he has been serving in the position of secretary and administrative officer, so that the club is more indebted for its present position than to any other member.

Fred. Conant, the present Financial Secretary, is one of those rare officers who say little, but accomplish much. He carried him the club through the year with such ease and grace that the club are indebted, and to his quiet perseverance and active work in the discharge of his duties much of the success of the club this year.

William M. Caswell, Treasurer of the club for the past two years, administered

The members of the present Executive Committee are: H. B. Shaw, Jr., Secretary; H. B. Whitfield, Jr., Treasurer; and A. M. Lawrence, who endeavor to discharge their arduous duties with an eye single to the success and welfare of the club.

From January 1, 1933, to July 1, 1935, the club has disbursed \$1225.00, or over \$200 per month, very little of which is stored in the club treasury.

are not now obtainable, but it is said to say that from September, 1930, to November 1, 1931, the Lincoln Club has paid out in this city not less than \$13,500.

On July 1, 1931, the membership was 144; on July 1, 1930, 136, and on November 1, 1930, 200, which shows a gratifying increase and a strong membership at this date.

The finances and fixtures of the club, as shown by the report of the Executive Committee, announced July 1, 1931, to \$2558. All this is more marvellous when it is said that the financial previous state of affairs has been accomplished with the meagreness done at the same figure

The club, as now constituted, has gone beyond simply the athletic phase, and though that feature is still maintained in its efforts to bring the boys and girls to their disposal in the club rooms two five billiard tables, a fine piano, a reading-room (supplied with all the prominent literary and scientific journals) as well as the daily papers, both local and Eastern; also a handsomely furnished card-room. No wine or liquor of any kind is allowed in the club, and smoking is prohibited by the laws of the club.

On September 10, 1900, at Agricultural Hall was held the first Fall Fete of the club, which was universally enjoyed in

The events for the coming Field Day are of an extremely interesting character, and the contestants will be guaranteed to make their best efforts by a number of valuable and elegant prizes presented to the Club for that purpose by R. F. Spence, of the First National Bank, of Los Angeles; the Los Angeles National Bank; of W. Hallman, of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank; R. L. Russell, of the Los Angeles Commercial Bank; J. A. Kinney, R. A. Francis and W. O. Kerkhoff.

The management of the Field Day is intrusted to a committee of three, Messrs. J. C. Williams, J. W. Williams, Treasurer and Speaker, and no prize will be spared to make it one of the most brilliant affairs of

The kind were on the day. The Mayor of Chicago going to the city. The medals will be given to the winners of which gold medals will also be given.

**The Mass.**

At 10:35 Sunday night a steady, heavy down-pour of rain began, and lasted practically without intermission until 5:30 a. m. O. N. Rhine, of Alameda street, reports the fall at 1.59 inches. The signal service says 1.17. At intervals during the day, however, there were slight drips, and at 9 o'clock last night the rain began to come down again in earnest. At 2 o'clock this morning it was

**A Biographical Sketch.**

The Jeffery-Lewis Company, who were billed to appear at the Grand last evening, happened to be on the San Francisco express that was caught out in the wreck-out. The consequence was that many people who dropped in at the main entrance of the New Brown last night turned away empty. Their disappointment, however, soon subsided as the National Athletic Club members arrived at the arena, ready.





